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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. BALU SANKARAN TO U.S.

1. DR. BALU SANKARAN ACCOMPANIED BY GENERAL RAGHUNATH, MANAGING DIRECTOR, ARTIFICIAL LIMBS MANUFACTURING CORPORATION OF INDIA, KANPUR, AND MR. N.B. RINDANI, DESIGN DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER, WILL BE VISITING NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 17 TO 21, 1976. THE PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT IS TO PREPARE A FEASIBILITY REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A BIO-ENGINEERING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER AT KANPUR, TO BE SUPPORTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OUT OF FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE CORPORATION FROM PRIME MINISTER'S NATIONAL DEFENCE FUND. THE GROUP WILL VISIT THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND CASTLEPOINT PROSTHETIC CENTERS IN NEW YORK AND THEN PROCEED TO TRONTO ON SEPTEMBER 22.

2. DR. SANKARAN PLANS TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON DC FOR A DAY ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF AN APPOINTMENT COULD BE MADE FOR HIM TO MEET WITH DR. PETER BEACH, DR. ANDREW S. ADAMS, DR. MARTIN E. MCCAVITT, AND OTHER CONCERNED OFFICIALS AT THE RSA. DR. SANKARAN IS INTERESTED IN EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES OF US AGENCY COLLABORATION ON RESEARCH IN LEPROSY REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH PROJECTS ON BIOENGINEERING. IF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 IS NOT SUITABLE TO RSA OFFICIALS,
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SANKARAN CAN ARRIVE WASHINGTON DC ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

HIS ADDRESS IN NEW YORK WILL BE CARE OF NIMI SANKARAN, APARTMENT
9-J, 545 WEST 111 STREET, NEW YORK 10025, NY. TELEPHONE 222-4804.

3. SANKARAN CONFIRMS THAT THE R AND D PROGRAM OF ARTIFICIAL
LIMBS CORPORATION AND ITS OTHER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES WILL
BE UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL CONTROL OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT AND NOT UNDER THE
HEALTH MINISTRY OR ICMR REVIEW AUTHORITY. WE RECOMMEND
THEREFORE, THAT THE POSSIBILITY TO INCLUDE SUGGESTED
COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS UNDER THE PURVIEW OF INDO/US
SUB COMMISSION UMBRELLA SHOULD BE FULLY EXPLORED
BY RSA AND CONCERNED DHEW OFFICIALS WHILE
SANKARAN IS IN WASHINGTON DC.

4. NOTES PREPARED BY SANKARAN ON PROPOSED R AND D CENTER
AT KANPUR ARE BEING AIRPOUCHED.SAXBE

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